Claims

1. Cancelled.

2. (Previously Presented) The image capturing device of claim 6, wherein said status display comprises a picture-in-picture display within said camera-back display.

3. Cancelled

4. (Previously Presented) The image capturing device of claim 6, wherein the status display control device controls a size of said status display within said camera-back display.

5. (Previously Presented) The image capturing device of claim 6, wherein the status display control device enables and disables said status display.

6. (Previously Presented) An image capturing device, comprising:

a main body;

a camera-back display located on a back region of said main body and adapted to display a captured image in a display area;

a status display provided within said display area of said camera-back display and adapted to display status information of said image capturing device; and

a status display control device located on said back region that enables a user of the image capturing device to manually move said status information vertically and/or horizontally within said camera-back display.

7. (Previously Presented) The image capturing device of claim 6, wherein said status display control device comprises a center press input switch that toggles an enable state of said status display when pressed.

8. Cancelled

9. (Previously Presented) The image capturing device of claim 10, wherein said memory further includes a user-settable display enable variable that enables and disables said status display.

10. (Previously Presented) An image capturing device, comprising:

a camera-back display located on a back region of a main body of said image capturing device for displaying status information;

a status display control device capable of accepting user inputs and enabling a user of the image capturing device to manually move the status information vertically and/or horizontally within said camera-back display;

a memory including a status information storage area comprising one or more status information items of said image capturing device and a picture-in-picture routine capable of generating said status display; and

a processor communicating with said camera-back display, said status display control device, and said memory, and wherein said processor receives said user inputs and generates said status display.

11. (Previously Presented) The image capturing device of claim 10, wherein said status display control device comprises a center press input switch that toggles an enable state of said status display when pressed.

12. Cancelled

13. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said status display displays said one or more status information items within said camera-back display in a picture-in-picture format.

14. (Previously Presented) A status information display method for an image capturing device, comprising:

providing a camera-back display located on a back region of a main body of said image capturing device;

providing a movable status display within said camera-back display; and

providing a status display control device that enables a user of the image capturing device to manually move said status display vertically and/or horizontally within said camera-back display, wherein

said status display displays one or more status information items relating to operational parameters of said device.

15. Cancelled.

16. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said status display control device accepts center press inputs and toggles a status display enable state.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said status display displays a flash mode status information.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said status display displays a battery status information.

19. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said status display displays an image resolution status information.

20. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 14, wherein said status display displays a number of captured images.

21. (Previously Presented) An image capturing device, comprising:

a main body;

a camera-back display located on a back region of said main body and adapted to display a captured image in a display area;

a status display provided within said display area of said camera-back display and adapted to display status information of said image capturing device; and

a status display control device located on said back region that controls a position of said status display within said camera-back display,

wherein said status display control device comprises a five-way rocker switch that controls horizontal and vertical movements of said status display within said camera-back display, and said five-way rocker switch further comprises a center press input switch that toggles an enable state of said status display when pressed.

22. (Previously Presented) The image capturing device of claim 21, wherein said status display comprises a picture-in-picture display within said camera-back display.

23. (Previously Presented) The image capturing device of claim 21, wherein the status display control device controls a size of said status display within said camera-back display.

24. (Previously Presented) The image capturing device of claim 21, wherein the status display control device enables and disables said status display.

25. (Previously Presented) An image capturing device, comprising:

a camera-back display;

a status display control device capable of accepting user inputs and controlling a status display within said camera-back display;

a memory including a status information storage area comprising one or more status information items of said image capturing device and a picture-in-picture routine capable of generating said status display; and

a processor communicating with said camera-back display, said status display control device, and said memory, and wherein said processor receives said user inputs and generates said status display,

wherein said status display control device comprises a five-way rocker switch that controls horizontal and vertical movements of said status display within said camera-back display, with said five-way rocker switch further comprising a center press input switch that toggles an enable state of said status display when pressed.

26. (Previously Presented) The image capturing device of claim 25, wherein said memory further includes a user-settable display enable variable that enables and disables said status display.

27. (Previously Presented) A status information display method for an image capturing device, comprising the steps of:

providing a camera-back display located on a back region of a main body of said image capturing device;

providing a movable status display within said camera-back display; and

providing a status display control device that controls a position of said status display within said camera-back display, wherein

said status display displays one or more status information items relating to operational parameters of said device, and

said status display control device accepts center press inputs and toggles a status display enable state.

28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said status display displays said one or more status information items within said camera-back display in a picture-in-picture format.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said status display control device accepts horizontal movement inputs and correspondingly moves said status display within said camera-back display.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said status display control device accepts vertical movement inputs and correspondingly moves said status display within said camera-back display.

31. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said status display displays a flash mode status information.

32. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said status display displays a battery status information.

33. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said status display displays an image resolution status information.

34. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, wherein said status display displays a number of captured images.